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There are no volumes in this series for the years 1724—1726. Volumes 17 and 18 which contain a few letters relating to 1727 and 1728 are in such small fragments that it is not possible to decipher them. The original of the present volume is also incomplete and contains many gaps. It has been mended in this office and is in a fair state of preservation.

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LETTERS TO FORT ST. GEORGE 1729

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[*The first 33 letters are missing*].

No. 34.

To the Honble. Jam[es Macrae Esqr.]
President & Go[v^r^. of Fort]
S^t^. George &c^a^. Cou[ncill].

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

By the Marlbrô I received your Letter of the [. . .]ber containing private orders and Instructions to [me in re]lation [to the] affairs of the Anacksoongey Cou[ntry and the nomination of a] Successor to Rajah [. . .]tan, as it was a matter [of] Importance [I e]ndeavour'd to defer that Point [until I] received your directions but in our Genera[l letter by] the James and Mary your Hon . &c^t^. wil[l be acquain]ted that the Sultan and People had [decided to appo]int his sister to that office and dignity [. . .] to the former Sultan and the nearest [. . .] to the present [one] what occasion'd [. . .] are apt to believe proceeded from the [. . .] Sultan who imagin'd we shou[ld] propose the late Sultan's So[n] and he finding M^r^. Gollop had no orders to treat about such an affair gave him further Cause of suspicion that we either sooner or later might [. . .] since M^r^. Gollop came away they have not ap[plied] to us for our Concession nor have we granted a[ny] the Matter lyes [thus] at present and as I do n[ot] think it is against the Interest of the Honble Company at this [jun]cture I have not stirrd [up.] She receives her [prop]ortion of the Customs as [Queen] and Bandaharra [and] is acknowledg'd as such over the Kingdom. [The] Sultan is a mild prud[ent] Man and generally belov'd by his People and a Proposal in [favour] of any other Person would [be] received by him with the utmost uneasiness and in all likelyhood make him less attentive to the carrying on the Pepper Plantations which he seems fully resolv'd on, besides in such Case his Posterity being depriv'd of succeeding to the Dignity, he would be the less careful of his Country & People and esteem himself under not so great Obligations.

O[. . .] Sultan Tookadooraallah is [. . .]er your Hon^r^. &c^t^. are Sen-[. . .] rights to the Crown, the su[. . .] some influence in it but several [. . .] has violated the Laws of his Country in [taking arms] against the Company besides which the [. . .] he incited his Father in some measure [and had] he not fled for succour he had certainly [been] murderd and would even now meet with [that] Fate, if he was to go into the [Anack]soongey] Country, he has been very earnest w^th^. [. . .] may have leave to return in a [short Time which] I did not think lay in my Power to answ[er] [th]erefore I have referr'd him to yor. Hon^r^. &c^t^.

[The Sul]tan has marryd a wife lately by the [advice of] the Mantrees and if he has Issue by h[er they will] be his heirs, the Country is in Pea[ce and the] People seem highly satisfy'd with the [present] Government and if the Face of [affairs do somewhat] change by any unforeseen accident I beg leave to humbly offer my opinion that to endeavour to make any alteration might prove of ill Consequence to my Honble Masters in that Kingdom and this Young Fellow will never be esteemd by any that are in the present Sultan's Interest who are the Leading Men and whilst your Hon^r^. &c^t^. shall think fit to grant the Sultan the Protection [Co]untenance and Support of the Honble Company I believe you will find him faithfull and serviceable to them and his Family will no doub[t foll]ow his example.

I have given Capt. Montgomery private orders to let the Sultan's Tookadooraallah's son not go ash[ore] at any Place he may touch on the Coast for wa[ter] or Provisions but to safely deliver him to your Hon^r^. &c^t^.

Having been very much out of order of late I am oblig'd to request your Honr. &ct. permissions to return to Madrass to my station this year, I shall in the mean if I have health and life do my utmost to serve my Honble Masters and endeavour to answer the design of my coming in approving my self faithfull and diligent in my Trust, the severe Sickness I left Madrass with has weakned my Constitution [very] much and this last indisposition still more [and] this Country I find requires a large stock of health even to bear the different Temperatures of the air if your Honr. &ct. shall so approve of it, I shall do my endeavours to get the ship away for Europe before I leave the Coast but if there is not Pepper enough and you are p[leased] to order her to Madrass to save demorage, I intreat I may take my Passage on her.

Fort Marlbrô,
20 Janry. 172$\frac{3}{4}$.

I am with the greatest Respect
Honble Sr. & Srs.
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
Nic : Morse.

[No. 35.]

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
President & Governour &cr.
Council at [Fort] St. George.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

The Marlborough being disp[atched] for Madrass with Orders to touch here I gl[adly] embrace the Occasion to Pay [my respects to and] apprize your Honour &c. [what occur]rences have happen'd since [my last which] went by the James & Mary who [sai]l'd from hence the 20th. of October when I address'd my self to your Honour &c. Duplicate of that Letter comes herewith.

I have at last though with a great deal of Difficulty for want of Boats got the Ippue Pepper sent up to Marlborough which I presume your Honour &ca. are advised of from thence, I have been very Dilligent in getting Tombonyons made since my arrival there [. . .] at that time [. . .] in the whole Kingdom there is now at this Place three, T[wo] at Bental & another at Triamong & wi[ll] continue to encourage the People to [build more] notwithstanding I am allready pretty [well] supplied because the [. . .] this place Bental & Ippue [are in very bad & very] seldom [. . .] strikeing.

The People are gone the survey[ing] which they have already [done] about these [three weeks and upwards] [. . .] before [*a few words lost*] rainy Wea[ther] in that year [. . .] your Ho[nour]&ca. what Quantity of Pepper may be expected from out of this Kingdom the [ensuing] season till the surveys are finished wh[ich] I hope will be in about a month's time & that the late wars have not been a Prejudice to the Plantations the Proateens have been here & received their Pepper Customs & say that all the Plantations [. . .] & in a good Condition which is a good [. . .] but however your Honour &ca. well know [they are] a people not to be depended on I have [now] on hand 20 B : 606 lb. of Pepper.

The Country is in Peace & wish it may continue so [I do] assure your Honours &c. I shall use my utmost endeavours to preserve it.

The Buildings here are in a very bad Condition & almost quite decayed great part of the West Buildings came down in the lat[e] rains out of the best of those Materials, I have erected a Pepper Godown near the Waterside [for the] Conveniency of shipping off the Pepper & within sight of the Main Guard ; as there was no place before where the Pepper could be kept dry. It is [in] Length 35 Foot. Breadth 29 Foot & highth 27 foot and have [therefore] been obliged to [shoar] up the Lodgings in [the late] Buildings.

Since [this] Ship was dispatched from Marlborough I received a Packet advising the [arrival] of a [Prow] from Porto Naias the 28th. Ultimo the Noquedah of which Prow brot. [them the report of a] Brigantine with British [Colours having been cast off near] Barroos, which [has since been retaken] by the Dutch enclosing a Letter from the Deputy Gover[nour &] Council to the Chief and Council of Padang to [order] them that they would deliver the Vessel & [e]ffects to Capn. Montgomery which Letter [I] delivered him, Having nothing further to [write] I am with esteem & respect.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Charles Gee.

Moco Moco,
15th. February 1728 [29].

P.S. Inclosed comes Manefest of Cassia Lignum Laden aboard the Marlbrô. wch. Nicholas Morse Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort Marlbrõ order'd me to advise of that the Usual freight may be demand[ed].

Idem.
C.G.

No. 36.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
President & Govr. &cra. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. & Cra.

The 9th. Inst. We received Dupli[cate] of your Honr. &cras. Letter of the 1st. Ultimo, with [an] addition under the 20th; Ordering us to advise what sum will be necessary for this Years Investment: in answer to which we are sorry to inform your Honr. &cra. that the troubles to t[he] Southward give us but small hopes as yet of doing much that way: and we dare not venture to promise a greater Quantity of Bales than were sent last Year; so that if your Honr. &cra. will please to send us seventeen thousand Pagodas, and twenty four thousand Rupees: that sum will be sufficient (with t[he] five thousand Pagodas Rec'd by the Morton Brigantine) for this Years Investment, and our Garrison Charges; and we shall strict[ly] observe the Caution Your Honr. &cra. give us that all the sortments are agreable to [Musters].

The 13th. Inst arrived the Mor[eton] Brigantine with your Honr. &crs: Letter of the [. . .] Inclosing Invoice, and Bill of Loading for Wares, & Stores, which came out accordingly.

We [now] send our Diarys, Consultations, Ca[sh &] Paymasters Accounts to the Ultimo [March].

We are

Honble. Sr. Scra.

Your most Obedient Humbl. Servan[ts]

Sands Davis.
Cha: Simp[son].
Joseph Gold[finch.]

Vizagapatam
29 April 1729.

No. 37.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
President & Govr. for all the Forces
& Affairs of the Brittish Nation
at Fort St. George &ca. Councill
at Madrass.

Honble. Sir & Sir's

Our last to you was by our Honble. Masters Buoyer, this goes by their Sloop William on whom we have Laden the Remainder of the Petre, Oyle, &ca. Stores you Indented for, as ℔ Enclosed Invoice & Bill of Loading Amounting to Rupees three thousand nine hundred & nine, twelve Annaes, three Pice.

The Walpole and Stretham received their Dispatches at Ingeley the 6th. Instant & were Clear of: Pilots Water the 9th. The 19th. we sent down the Aislabies Dispatches and on the 24th. we shall send the Heathcott away, As we are now in a very great Hurry we cannot enlarge but shall write you the needfull by an overland Conveyance. We are with great Respect

Honble. Sir & Sirs

Your very Humble Servants
Jno. Deane.
Jno. Stackhouse.
Rd. Bourchier.
Chas. Hampton.

Fort William
the 22d. Febry. 172$\frac{8}{9}$.

[No. 38.]

[To the Honble Jam]es Macrae Esqr.
[Presidt. & Govr. of] Fort St. George
[&ca. Councill.]

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

The accompanying Letter is what [wrote] your Honr. &ca. by the William Sloop, who [was] dispatch'd hence for yor. Port the 22d. February, & [retur]n'd to this place again (having lost her [passa]ge the 30th. last month, The Master acquai[nted] us [tha]t he was in the Latd. of 11·50, M Distance from Point Palmaras 24 45 wt. Estimation, from the [lan]d 4 Fast, when he mett wth. Calmes and a [strong] Current setting to the northward, wch. he found by Dayly observation sett him from [Eighteen] to forty eight miles, till he was [drove] into the Latitude of 18 North at which time they had fresh Gales from S to SBE wch. obligd him to bear back for this place, the Master of the Vessell, has been Master of an English Man of Warr, & Esteem'd an able and Experienced Man, but not being well acquainted wth. the track at that time of the [Year], we beleive was the Occasion of Loosing his Passage And we are now to acquaint you that on the 6th. Insta. we recd. Letters from Capt. Tolson from Ballasore road, where he arrived the 1st. Insta. having beat the sea 26 Days before he bore back for this place, he writes us that he had the winds from S.S.E. to S.W., almost all the time, & for ten Days together found [. . .] sett to the northward by Currants [. . . Forty] miles a Day he also says it was impossible for the Aislabie to [. . .] he beleives she is somew[hat . . .] We know not how our Honble. [Masters] will judge of this when they[. . .] Vessells that went out at [. . .] some twelve & fifteen Day [. . .] have saved their Passage [. . .] Places, (who are Esteem'd ver[y stron]g [Boats] in]sailing) & we cannot but [say] that we are of opinion that he had some other Views.

The Shroff [for] this two or three Years past having very much impos'd on us in the Price of our Silver, we must desire yor. Honr. &ca. will please to Coin full two thirds of the Quota of Bullion wch. may be sent us on the Expected Shipping design'd for this Place, & we farther request for our selves & other Private Traders, that yor. Honr. &ca. will permit the Coinage of what silver Imported from Judda & Bussora in yor. Mint, The shroffs having beat down the Price of Zellottaes from Ninety nine one quarter, to ninety two & a half, & the rest of the species in Proportion So that we shall be great sufferers in our Trade if we cannot find redress by having our silver Coind wth. you.

By our Honble. Masters Mary Buoyer we have recd. yor Honr's. &ca's. favr. of the 29th. Ulto. Enclosing yor. Accot. Currant wth. this Presidency, & the Accot. of Errors wch. shall be rectified. In your Acct. Currant this Presidency is Debted for [one hundred sixty four thousand] five hundred Eighty nine [Rupees] eight Annaes sent [us] on the Heathcott which is but one hund[red s]ixty two thousand seven hundred eighty Seven Rupees eight Annaes nine Pice according to yor. Invoices sent us, we are also Debted for one thousd. three hundred eighty rupees for Salt Petre wanting ꝑ Hartford wch. as it is not sett forth in yor. Letter or List of Errors we Imagine it a mistake; This Presidency is Credited by [s]ilver taken out of the Aislabie only one hundd. [. . .] thousd. one hund: twenty three [. . .] five Pice whch. should have [. . .] Invoice Price of five [. . .] Pence ꝑ Ounce, one hundred [. . .]en thousand six hundred fifty three [. .] five Annaes, three Pice; As also the Iron taken out of the George wch. is brought to our Credit three thousd. seven hundred one Rupees, four Annaes six Pice wch. should have been no more than three thousd. six hundred & eight Rupees, all wch. is rectifyed in yor. Accot. Currant, now sent yor. Honr. &ct.

We desire yor. Honr. &ca. will give us timely advice what number of Bales you shall be able to provide for the Expected shipping, we are now Contracting for six thousand seven hundred & fifty Bales, and as we may reasonably expect to have a large Tonnage on our hands this Year shall agree for about one thousand more our Merchants very seldom Complying entirely and fully with their Contracts which was the misfortune We labour'd under this [last year].

Fort William
April 12th. 1729.

Honble. Sir & Sirs
Your most [humble servants]

P.S.—Capt. Tolson recd. his Dispatches the 28th. February at Noone at Ingeley.

Jno. [Deane].
[Jno. Stackhouse].
[Rd. Bourchier].
[. . .].
Cha: Hampton.

No. 39.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &cra. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &cra.

This day about noon We Received a General Letter from Fort William with the two accompanying Packets wch. We were desired to forward with all Possible expedition; accordingly we [shall] lose no more time than to Assure your Honr. &cra. We are with the greatest respect

Vizagapatam
13th. May 1729.

Honble. Sr. &cra.
Your most Obedt. Humble. Servants

Sands Davis.
Cha: Simpson.
Joseph Goldfinch.

[N°. 40.]

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presid^{t}. & Govern^{r}. of Fort S$_{t}$. George
&c^{a}. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

The 6th. Instant I was obliged with [Your] Honours &c^{a}. favour of the 21 Ultimo.

From January to this time the Dubbs has been gradually Riseing in Vallue, from One hundred & sixty t[o n]o more now then one hundred forty foure ꝑ Pagoda, and the Cotton Yarn Continueing to bare as heigh a Price [as it] did any time the last Year; for these Reasons at [. . .] not one Peice of Ordinary Cloth has been seen, nor will any come to agreement for that Cloth till they see what alterations there will be in the Price of Dubbs after the [Weddings] are all over, if they prove to fall to the medium Price of last Year I hope to make a shift to go on pretty well, but should they prove otherwise; with humble submission except Your Honour &c^{a}. should take it into considevation for allow^{g}. (if not to be avoided) an Addition to the Price of the Ord^{y}. Cloth I am afraid little can be done, but as I request only a Provisional Leave, so I hope shall be able to do without.

The 16 Instant Early in the morning the Two Rebell Rajahs Rammer[auz and] Subba[na passed] through Timmerauze his country [with] with about Three [Thous^{d}.] Men; [to] a Moors Town caled Dac[hero]on, a[bout eight or] nine miles of; They committed [. . .] in any part of Timmerauze his Country, and had their march been a little more expeditious, they might abeen Reward with a good Booty; but the Town having notice time enough before; Those that was most wealthy left their houses & came into this Town with what was most Valluable; The Rebells stayd but Two Days at Dacheroon, & it is said carry'd away between fourteen & fifteen Thousand Pagodas in money & Jewels besides other Plunder; They got Six hundred Pagodas in Ready money from the Dutch, And Two hundred more in other things. My Vessell was going into [the] main River with all necessarys on Board [in order to] take in the Honble. Companys Effects, where [I . . .] at an Anchor very secure from any attempts they could a made espeshally in another Rajahs country, who woud asoone sent after them had they committed any acts of hostility in his country.

There can be no other method of sending me money this year but what is equall as dangerous as sending to Vizagapatam, except a [ve]ssell was to call at the barr and I had notice given me These Rajahs with their Armey leys near the Hills between this and Vizagapatam but out of the Road.

Herewith I take leave of sending your Honour &c^{a}. copy of the Books to the Ultimo April, And at [the foot] hereof is the Account of Cloth at the Washers [I] am with due Respect

[Ingeram]

May the 24 1729.

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your Most Faithful[l &]
Most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. [Servant]
John Sanderson.

	Cor.	P^{s}.
at The [Washer] width Fine	24	5

N°. 41.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^r^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

We have met with so many & frequent disappointments, when we were upon the Conclusion of a Contract agreeable to your orders, that we have not been able till now to accomplish it.

Tondroy with Virago Chittee, Arnatchelum Chittee & China Tombe Chittee have undertaken to procure five hundred Bales, & Sha Permall with Dermacheva Chittee & Tricom Chittee, promise five hundred more we wou'd have had them kept in a body but it is impossible to remove their prejudices, wherefore we judg'd it best to profit by their Emulation, the mony the Comp^y^. advances, is to be divided between the two Setts, & each to be answerable for their own miscarriage, we have agreeable to the liberty you have given, cancell'd the old Contract, which favour is what animates them, to push on the investment with all imaginable Vigour.

We shall be glad you will please to let us know what Species in the new list of Investment, we must incert in our Contract, that it may be Sign'd with all expedition.

We are

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

[Fort] S^t^. David
the 16th. of June 1729.

Yo^r^. most humble, &
Obedient Servants
G. M. Pitt.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Rich^d^. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.
Edwd. Harris.

P:S
We inclose our Cash Acco^ts^. for the month's of April & May, & our Storek^rs^. indent for Stores.

N°. 42.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. &c^ra^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ra^.

This serves to accompany two Packets which we received from Bengall, recommended to us by the Honble. President & Council to be forwarded with all expedition; & as nothing more offers at present, We subscribe with the greatest Respect.

Vizagapatam
26th. May 1729.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ra^.
Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Sands Davis.
Cha: Simpson.
Joseph Goldfinch.

N°. 43.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. &c^t^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

We having sent on board the Ramah thirty three bales, (being all that we have in our Warehouse) we now inclose you an Invoice & bill of loading for the same amounting to Pag^s^. 1913 : 25 F 60 C from

Fort S^t^. David
the 19th. June 1729.

Y^r^. Hon^rs^. &c^t^. most hum̃. & Obed^t^.
Serv^ts^.

G. M. Pitt.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Rich^d^. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.
Edwd. Harris.

N°. 44.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. &c^t^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

Yesterday our two Setts of Merchants Sign'd their Contracts for five hundred Bales each, agreeable to the list of Investment Sent us in your Letter of the 24th. ultimo & we are now to desire that a Sufficient Supply of Cash, may be sent us, to pay the Merchants for their Cloth, as they bring it into our Warehouse, & also to defray the necessary Charges of the Garrison, our Stock at present being very low, as you will be pleas'd to observe by the Cash Acco^t^. that comes inclos'd.

Early this morning pass'd by to the Northward two Europe Ships with English Collours.

We are
Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.
Yo^r^. most hum̃ & Obed^t^. Serv^ts^.

Fort S^t^. David
the 1st. July 1729.

G. M. Pitt.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
[R. Brooke].
Rich^d^. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.
Edwd. Harris.

N°. 45.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. &c^ra^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. &c^ra^.

Your Letter of the 21st. Ultimo came to hand the 7th. Ins^t^. inclosing an Extract of a List of Goods to be provided at Vizagapatam this year, but it is no small concern to us that We can't possibly comply with the Article of Ord^ry^. Long Cloth, and begg leave to lay before your Hon^r^. &c^ra^. the following reasons why it is not in our Power.

The Dutch to the Northw^d^. have raised the price of their Long Cloth Ordinary this Year to Pag^s^. 35 ℘ Corge which Your Hon^r^. &c^ra^. will easily see is too great a difference for us to meddle with it, and We hope you'll think it a sufficient reason why we can't possibly get any of that sortment from those parts. Our dependance therefore must be on Quotapatam to the Southward where we shall do all that is in our power but We are apprehensive likewise of being disapointed there, as we cannot allow the weavers any proportion of Fine Long Cloth, & but so very small a quantity of Fine Sallampores, & they do not care to be employed intirely on Course Goods.

In Our Letter of the 29th. April (not being then apprehensive that the disturbances in the Country wou'd long continue) We ventur'd to promise Your Hon^r^. &c^ra^. the same Number of bales we sent last year; near 100 of which we imagin'd would be fine Cloth; Of Sallampores Ordinary from the Northw^d^. we expected 300 Bales, and the rest to be made up of Course Cloth from Quotapatam; But Subbana and Ram Rauze 2 Rajahs that way, kept the Country in such confusion by plundring the towns thereabouts, that We have as yet been able to get little or no Cloth from thence, most of the Inhabitants being drove away and several of them came as farr as this place for protection besides these disapointments the Weavers insist upon some advance this Year upon all the Cloth giving it for a reason that as Copper Cash are so excessive dear, and they are Obliged to buy all their thread in the Markets by small Quantitys with that Coin, they cannot possibly afford the Cloth for the Last years price, and because We are very desirous to keep our Honble. Masters Business going forward in the best manner we possibly can (though difficultys shou'd dayly arrise) we think it not improper to give them some hopes of their request being granted, and doubt not but your Hon^r^. &c^ra^. will for the Aforemention'd reasons Consent to it.

As We are not to provide any fine Cloth the Pagodas We last wrote for will be more than we shall want, We therefore desire that Your Hon^r^. &c^ra^. will please to send us no more than six thousand Pagodas, & forty thousand Rupees, the Latter we shall want for our Northern Sallampores; 300 bales of which (besides what may come from Quotapatam) will be the most we can pretend to get, 'thō We dare venture to Assure Your Hon^r^. &c^ra^ that the Cloth will be extraordinary good. We are with great Respect

Honble. S^r^. &c^ra^.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Sands Davis.
Cha: Simpson.
Joseph Goldfinch.

Vizagapatam
10th. June 1729.

N°. 46.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presidt. & Govr. &cra.
Council of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. &cra.

Since writing the foregoing We have rec'd your Honr. &crs. Letter of the 26th Ultmo., where in you are pleas'd to allow us 1 Pag̃ ꝑ Corge advance in the price of the ordinary Long Cloth, with a Proviso that the Cloth be realy so [much better] than it was last year, which we are very sorry to find proved so much worse than we expected. Mr. Davis beggs leave to Assure your Honr. &cra. he will allways exert himself to the Utmost of his power for the Interest of his Honble. Masters; but by the foregoing Your Honr. &cra. will be able to judge how much it will be out of his Power to Comply with their demands for Ordinary Long Cloth this Year; What is possible to be done in that Affair, He hopes your Honr. &cra. will beleive shall be his Chief Studdy.

We ask pardon for ommitting to mention in our Letter of the 29th April the sum of Rupees, as well as Pags. rec'd ꝑ the Morton Brigtn. though in the Letter before that, of the Primo April we acknowledg'd the receipt of the Treasure by her according to Invoice and Bill of Loading. We are

Honble. Sr. &cra.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Sands Davis.
Cha: Simpson.
Joseph Goldfinch.

Vizagapatam
10th. June 1729.

N°. 47.

To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
President & Govr. &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

We have recd. Mr. Secry. Torriano's Letter of the 4th. instant inclosing Invoice & bill of loading for Stores Sent by the Ramah, & adviseing of ten thousand Pagodas being design'd us overland last night the mony came Safe to our hands as also yr. favour of the 7th: instant, that accompany'd it.

We are
Honble. Sr. & Srs.
Yr. Obedient Servts.

G. M. Pitt.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Richd. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.
Edwd. Harris.

Fort St. David
the 12th. July 1729.

[N°. 48]

To the Honourable James Macrae Esq[r].
Presid[t]. & Governour of Fort S[t]. George
&c[a]. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

I have the honour of Your Two favours, of the 21st., & 26th. Ultimo, The former inclosed me a List for the Investment, It woud be a vast deal of pleasure to me, could I give Your Honour &c[a] : the Least hope of complying to the proportion of Ordinary Cloth, The unheard of hardships that this country lay under the Last Year, Your Hon[r]. &c[ra] : has been Acquainted with, but I take leave to informe You, that this proves much worse, The Cotton yarn is full as Dear as any time then and Dubbs fourteen in a Pagoda less, then the medium Price of this Last year, from April, to December ; and in all probability may be much Dearer before this year is at an end ; to add, the whole country has been in commotion ever since Subbana and Rammerauze Robbed Ducheroon, as to the last Article, since the Rains are begun to come upon us, People are less fearf[l]. and begins to settle at their own Homes.

I Return your hon[r]. &c[a] : many thanks for your favour of permission of makeing One Thousand Peices of Fine Long cloth, instead of Five hundred Peices Fine Sallampores, You say provided that the Cloth is equal [in] goodness with that last year sent you, otherwise the loss will ley on my hands, as I [do not f]ind that a hard [tas]ke to make good, so it gives me no concern, but the [Ord]inary Cloth Thare leys the greatest difficulty, for that notwithstanding I give Thirty one Pagodas ℔ Corge for that Cloth, the overplus is so small, when the Yarn is paid for, that the Weaver has not Incouragement to set to work, and no consideration for the Trouble and Risque to any one elce with submission further, The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam have Two countrys to provide Ordinary Cloth in, & this only for their Fine, so that they can allow a Large proportion of Fine, to the quantity of Ordinary provided in this Country, And If I cannot some measure give the same Incouragement for fine as another it is most certain none will work for [me]. The People I imploy offers, if Your Hon[r]. &c[a]. will please of giveing a permission of allowing one proportion Fine to Two of Ordinary they will do their indeavours, & provide as much as possible for the time, I once more take Leave to say this Factory leys under all the misfortunes imaginable a certain Expence, and an uncertain Trade Dubbs, w[ch]. is the chief dependance that the Trade of this country has; was never known to be so heigh in vallue, and no hopes of its being otherwise ; cotton upwards of Thirty Pagodas ℔ Candy ; a country that is farr from being settled in quiet, A Large Armey always in it, w[ch]. was never known so much before, and what takes of a great deal of the Callicoe Manufactory with greater incouragement for the Weavers, then what is allowed by our Hon[ble]. Masters.

I shall be glad to be found Servisable in Collecting [those debts] that are known to be oweing to M[r]. Blunt and of making Discoverys of such as may be thought to be oweing, in whom Your honour &c[a]. emagins Cunshum Lingana to be considerably more indebted, then what he acknowledged, I have enquired of Grurauze, who is supposed to keep the Factory Acco[ts]. but he denies to have kept any other then the Acco[t]. of Cloth chop'd, and sent to the Washers ; that Watson kept the Account of the Factory Expence, and paid the People their monthly Wages, And for what money was at any time Advanced, that was done by M[r]. Blunt himself, and that Account kept by no one elce, Cunshum Lingana does affirm that Account he gave Watson & Grurauze to be a very True one, from the time that it may be properly said he Ballanced last with M[r]. Blunt, but that a few Days before M[r]. Davis Arrived here, and M[r]. Blunt intended to go [*sic*] Fort S. George Watson took Linganas Account The said Lingana says further the Reasons for his not taking any acquitances from M[r]. Blunt was because he had given him no Rec[ts]. for money but that generaly once a year before M[r]. Blunt went up to Fort S[t]. George, [or] after he had Dispatched the ship a way they made accounts up and that those Acco[ts]. he used to throw in his scritore. I have wrote to the gentlemen of Vizagapatam for an account of what moneys they [have] Received and what are still standing out for the Rajashs Debt of Three hundred Pagodas I have some months ago forwarded the Account (as Vencatach the security gave) to Mess[rs]. Fowke [& . . .] I could say nothing

to it my self, because I have no accounts [that would] give me any insight of the Reasonableness of those charges, but I believe they must be admitted for good, nothing better being to be had, I am sorry to say so much as to the Reasons of the deficencey of the Companys cash ; but Those People that were here in Mr. Blunt's time, tell me, he had made use of it for his private Trade, That he lived heigh, & was careless in his accounts.

As to the Repairs of Nella Pillee House, there is no setting about it now the Rains are begun to set in.

Herewith I take Leave of sending my month acco^t. for May and am with due Respect

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

Your Most Faithfull Most Obed^t. Hum^ble. Servt.
JOHN SANDERSON.

INGERAM
JUNE THE 28 1728 [*sic*].

N°. 49.

TO THE HON^BLE. JAMES MACRAE ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. OF FORT S^T. GEORGE
&C^A. COUNCIL

HON^BLE. SIR & SIRS

Since our last of the 12th. April, by an overland conveyance (Duplicate of which was sent you the 5th. Ultimo) We have received your hon^r. &c^a's. Favours of the 14th. & 15th. by our Honble. Masters Vessell the Princess Carolina, and Ship Fordwich ; to the Needfull of [which we] shall now reply.

We observe [Your hon^r. &c. took] ashoar fifteen Chests of the Fordwich's [treasure &] have sent us fourteen Chests of Rupees Invoice of which, and of the twenty four Pipes of Madera Wine, We have received, with the several other Papers mentioned. Enclosed We send your Hon^r. &c^a. an Acco^t. of forty four Rupees wanting, in Chests N°. 1. 2. 7. 8. 14. In Chest N°. [4] in one Bag, there was no less than nineteen wanting ; and in Chest N°. 14, in one Bag, fourteen want^s. As the Chests and Bags appeared to be Whole, this Mistake must happen in your Warehouse. The thirty five Chests of Bullion received by this Ship from England have been weighed, and come out exactly right. We cannot but take Notice that your Honour &c. have Invoiced the Madera at fifty Pagodas the Pipe ; at which Price you had better have disposed of it with You, than sent it down hiher, for We do not expect so much for it.

Yo^r. Honour &c. will please to send us four hundred Candy of Red Wood by the Europe Shipping.

As our Honble. Masters have sent us out a very large Tonnage, We desire your Honour &c. will inform us in Time what Number of Bales you shall be able to provide, and whether you design to dispatch an October Ship. And althô We have contracted for a large Quantity of Goods, our present Intention is to keep two of these Ships in the Country ; being resolved (conformable to our Honble. Masters Directions) not to send any Goods home, but what are good in their kind.

We are

HON^BLE. SIR & SIRS

Your most Humble Servants
JN°. DEANE.
JN°. STACKHOUSE.
R^D. BOURCHIER.
HUGH BARKER.
JN°. SAINS^BY. LLOYD.
CHA : HAMPTON.

FORT WILLIAM
JUNE THE [1ST. 1729].

N°. 50.

HON^BLE^. SIR & SIRS

Since the closing the above Letter, We are to acquaint you that Yesterday, about four in the Afternoon, with a strong Southerly Wind, and a Spring Tide, a Ship passed by our Fort, under Colours that We could not tell what to make of; but those who saw her telling us she had a great Number of Europeans on board, & appeared like a Europe Ship, We sent one of our Officers up the River, to view her; who returned with Advice, that early in the Morning she saluted the Ostend Factory with twenty one Guns, which they returned; and that she has thirty six Guns, & appears to be well Mann'd. Her Colours are a black Eagle in a Red Field.

We are

HON^BLE^. SIR & SIRS

Your very Humble Servants

FORT WILLIAM

JUNE THE 2^D^. 1729.

JN^O^. DEANE.

JN^O^. STACKHOUSE.

R^D^. BOURCHIER.

HUGH BARKER.

JN^O^. SAINS^RY^. LLOYD.

CHA: HAMPTON.

N°. 51.

TO THE HON^BLE^. JAMES MACRAE ESQ^R^.

PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE &C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON^BLE^. S^R^. &C^A^.

Just now Arriv'd Cossids from the Bay with a Packet from the Honble. President and Council there, recommended to us to be forwarded with the greatest Expedition; accordingly we lose no more time than to Subscribe with the utmost Respect.

HON^BLE^. S^SR^. &C^A^.

Your most Obedient hum^e^: Servants

VIZAGAPATAM

3^D^. July 1729.

SANDS DAVIS.

CHA: SIMPSON.

JOSEPH GOLDFINCH.

N°. 52.

MESSIEURS

Ces jours passés, nous fumes hounorés de l'agréable Vôtre du 15me: Juillet derñ. Nous vous temoignons en toute Sincerité, le Chagrin que nous avons, du malheur arrivé au Vaisseau Le George, appartenant à t'hounorable Compagnie Angloise, & celà d'autant plus, que noes ne [pouvons] avoir le plaisir de contribuer, à cequi pouroit aider ce vaisseau, Veu que Manare est éloigné d'icy & Sous le ressotr de Ceylon, ou nous ne pouvous rien ordonner, n'y n'avous une veritable Connoissance

des ordres particuliers, au sujet d'une affaire de cette nature; & êtans de plus ignorants avec quelles munitions ce vaisseau pourvit être assisté, nous nous trouvons entierement incapable de rendre à Vôtre Hounorable Compagnie & à vous messieurs, in particulier, le service que nous vous aurions autrement rendû avec joye, avec tout le Seeourt qui auroit été en nôtre pouvoir & demonstré d'une maniere evidente, combien nous sommes intentionés pour le bien de la Surd[te]. Hounorable Compagnie, en cas que ce Vaisseau eut rencontré ce malheur dans nótre ressort, eu voisinage. Nous avous envoyé aussy-tôt vôtre lettre pour mons[r]. Le gouverneur de Ceylon M[r]. Petrus Vuyst & Son conseil à Colombe par vu Eupres Cattemaraun à Jaffanapatnam pour luy être achemineé sans tarder; nous ne manquerons pas de vous envoyer la reponse en toute diligence.

Nous finíssons, Messieurs, vous recommandant sous la divine protection & vous saluant cordialement, nous sommes tres expressement.

N°. 53.

To the Honble: James Macrae Esq[r]:
Presid[t]: & Gov[r]: &c[t]: Council of Fort S[t]. George.

Honble: S[r]: & S[rs].

The last Supply of ten thousand Pagodas, we have rec[d]: as also your favour of the 22[d]: instant, incloseing Copy of a Paragraph of the Comp[ys]: Letter to the Presid[cy]: dated the 21st: Feb[y]: 1728/9, contradicting the orders we formerly rec[d]: from you, in relation to M[r]: Pitt's deciding all Civil Causes here. We must desire some Instructions to prevent the infinite inconveniencies it will be to our Inhabitants to go to Madrass for a Determination of their disputes w[ch]: Small Causes cannot bear, the loss of time, & expence off, & to Suffer them to lye undecided must occasion a great deal of Confusion.

Being in want of Broad Cloth, for the Cloathing of our Millitary, we desire you will Supply us, with the quantity indented for in the inclos'd List.

We are

Fort S[t]. David
the 31st: July 172$\frac{8}{9}$.

Your hon[rs]: &c[t]: most Humble & Obedient Servants
G. M. Pitt.
Edw: Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Rich[d]. Gilman.
Jn[o]. Graham.
Edw[d]. Harris.

P.S.

The Battavia Ship's are arriv'd at Negapatam but have brought no Timbers nor Plank we will in a day or two acquaint you what we shall want.

54.

To the Hon[ble]: James Macrae Esq[r].
Presid[t]: & Gov[r]: &c[t]: Council of Fort S[t]. George.

Hon[ble]: S[r]: & S[rs]:

We are to advise you, that Lieutenant John De Morgan's Commission, for the Second Comp[y]: of Soldiers of this Garrison, was read this morning & deliver'd to him & that last night Lieutenant Wilson sat out on his journey for Madrass.

As the Battavia Ship's have not brought any Timbers nor Plank, we must desire you will procure us Sixty five Timbers of about eighteen foot in length & Seven Inches thick, & two hundred & fivety Sheathing Plank, for carrying on the new buildings.

We inclose our Secrys: List of Stationary Ware wanting here, & are

HONBLE: SR: & SRS:

FORT ST: DAVID
THE 6TH: AUGT: 1729.

Your most hum: & Obedt: Servts:

G. M. PITT.
EDW: CROKE.
R. BERRIMAN.
R. BROOKE.
RICHD: GILMAN.
JNO. GRAHAM.
EDWD. HARRIS.

55.

TO THE HONBLE. JAMES MACRAE ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR: &CRA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. &CRA.

Last night a Private Packet arrived from the Bay, which gives us this oppertunity of acknowledging the Receipt of Your Honr. &crs. Letter of the 28th. Ultmo. ℘ Ship Marlbrough, who with the Duke of York, and Greenwich, Imported here the 4th. Inst. and sail'd the 6th. for Bengall: By the Marlbrough Wee received the Treasure according to Invoice, and shall take care to supply Mr. Sanderson whenever he writes for it, under a sufficient Guard according to your Honr. &crs. orders.

We shall as near as possible keep up to the Contents of Your Honr. &crs. Letter of the 26th. May, but are sorry to say We have yet little Hopes of succeeding in the article of Ordinary Long Cloth; tho we begg leave to Assure Your Honr. &cra. nothing in our Power shall be wanting to procure what we can of that Sortment. We are with great respect

HONBLE. SR. &CRA.

VIZAGAPATAM
17TH. JULY 1729.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

SANDS DAVIS.
CHA: SIMPSON.
JOSEPH GOLDFINCH.

56.

TO THE HONOURABLE JAMES MACRAE ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS,

The honnour of your Two favours of the 16th. & 28 June are come to hand, with their Duplicates, And Invoice of Fifteen Thousand Pagodas sent on Ship Marlbrô to Vizagapatam for the use of this Residency, which the Provisional Chief and Council there, informs me is come to hand.

I Return Your Honour &ca. my humble. thanks for permission of making an allowance of one Pagoda advance more then the last Year upon the Ordinary Longcloth; The Absolute necessity there was for it induced my making that offer before Your honr. &ca. Letter came to hand, as mine of the 28 June has informed

You and yet no incouragement of making any great progress, as you will observe at the foot hereof; whither or no Cloth may come in faster towards the latter end of the Year I cant tell, but they aske a most extravagent Price now for to give me the hopes of any quantity, It is certain there is very near Ten ꝑ Cent Difference in the medium Price of Dubbs the last year, and the Price present; and the Cotton Yarn full as Dear Once for all I take Leave to assure Your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. no time shall be Lost by me, by giveing all emaginable Incouragement for makeing the Investment as Large as Possible.

The Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, [have] Transmitted an Account of what summs they have Received, and what appears still standing out relating to M^{r}. Blunts Estate, as by what they can geather from those scraps of Accounts and memorandums they could find. By what observations I can make of the said Account, That of Cunshum Lingana's when the Cloth he Deliverd M^{r}. Simpson is Credited for will stand indebted about one Thousand, and between five & six hund^{d}. Pagodas in which thare is articles for one Thousand one hundred & Eighty Pagodas Twenty seven fanams charged to his Account, more paid to him, then what he acknowledge to have Received The others are Differance of a Ballance and same [*sic*] Disburstments made by Lingana, which Account had not been taken by M^{r}. Blunt. The Washers Acknowledge a Debt of Forty eight Pagodas Twenty eight Fanams & fifty Three Cash but being so Poor by having little or no Business upon their hands for going on now of Three years that they are almost ready to starve. There is Two more Debts besides the Rajahs for Pag^{s}. 62. 7. 57 but I dont know whare to find the Persons.

I take Leave of sending my account for June and July by wch. Your hon^{r}. &c^{a}. will observe a Little before the Europe ship arrived at Vizagapatam I had sent for the last Two Thousand Pagodas of the first five Lodged thare for me wch. I have given Fort S^{t}. George Presidency credit.

I am with due Respect

INGERAM — HONOURABLE SIR & SIRS

AUGUST THE 1ST: 1729. — Your Most Faithfull & Most Obed^{t}. Hum^{ble}. Servant

JOHN SANDERSON.

A List of Callicoes Deliverd y^{e}. Washers

Longcloth Ord^{y}. ...	3	13
Longcloth Fine ...	30	6

57.

TO THE HON^{BLE}. JAMES MACRAE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}. &C^{T}. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

HON^{BLE}. S^{R}: & S^{RS}.

We have two of your favours bearing date the 8th. & 12th. instant & shall Strictly observe your directions mention'd in the former, relateing to the decission of all Civil Causes here, it has allways been our method to referr our Inhabitants to the heads of their Cast's, who have hitherto Arbitrated & decided according to their own Laws, most disputes that have happen'd among them.

M^{r}. Robert Turing whom you Sent hither to Act as Surgeon's Mate, arriv'd the 26th. ultimo, & has been entertaind in the Service from that time at the usual allowances.

We have this morning rec^{d}. a Petition from our Merch^{ts}. praying that we would take in fiveteen Bales of the Sallampores of $2\frac{1}{8}$ $^{Co.}$ broad that they provided for the Comp^{y}. before they enter'd upon the new Contract, which now remains upon their hands. They complain also of haveing a large Quantity of fine Long cloth that is turn'd out & lyes now in our Warehouse, which they beg to have resorted, & put to N°. 3 if your Hon^{r}. &c^{t}. thinks fiitt to grant their Request, you will please to let us know w^{t}. price we are to give for it, when it comes under that denomination.

We are

Fort S^{T}. David
the 27TH. Aug^{T}. 1729.

Hon^{BLE}. S^{R}. & S^{RS}.
Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}. Serv^{ts}.

G. M. Pitt.
Edw : Croke.
R. Berriman.
Rich^{D}. Gilman.
Jn^{O}. Graham.
Edw^{D}. Harris.

P. S. Inclos'd comes our Acco^{t}. of Cash for last month.

58.

To the Hon$\tilde{\text{ble}}$ James Macrae Esq^{s}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. and
Council of Fort S^{T}. George.

Hon$\tilde{\text{ble}}$ Sir & Sirs

I have presumed to put under cover with this Letter a Packet for the R^{t}. Hon$\tilde{\text{ble}}$ East India Company, It contains advices of the Condition of this Factory, which I am under Command from the Committee of Correspondence to send a Genuine Acco^{t}. of by the speediest way, after I had collected a summary of affairs at this place ; they having been pleased to Compliment me, & say, they can depend upon my representation of this Settlement. So soon as I had compleated it, I sent the Packet over land to Fort S^{t}. George recommended to the care of Y^{r}. Honour &c^{a}. requesting you will Condescend to forward it to them by the first Ship bound to Great Brittain from your Port.

The kind mediation of your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. in the Affair of Sunca Ramah & us, has been of Singular Service to the Hon$\tilde{\text{ble}}$ Company's Affairs in Trevencore, where We at present carry on our Investment without any molestation.

Our monsoon set in this year in a very tempestuous manner, that I am affraid has done great damage I wish our returning shipps from Surat and the N°.ward bound to Madrass and Bengal have not felt the Effects of it. A Dutch Ship from Persia founder'd off Chittoa (a little to the N°.ward of Cochin) a Suratter belonging to Monsiur Martin also off Panany, she was bound to Pondicherry & Bengal, which is all the ill news of consequence I have heard of with respect of shipping. The [B]alls Gally Sail'd from this Port (M^{r}. Willm. Cowan Supracargoe) for China a few Days before, as did the Harford directly for Bengal (on wch. ship M^{r}. Orme our late Chief took his passage) and the Nancy for Porto Nova & Fort S^{t}. George all her Cargo not being disposed of.

We have at last come to an Agreement of Friendship with the Queen of Attingah, who has been fully established in her Dominions through the assist^{ce}. of her kinsman that Governs Travencore, who has Vanquished the Poolas & all her rebellious subjects. And Articles of a firm Peace was enterchanged very lately 'twixt the said Queen & Company, it being my lot to go up Country to carry her usual Presents on such occasions.

Shou'd the Expected shipping have reach'd Madrass (that I hope has come to pass) I shall take [it as a] particular favour if yr. Honour &ca. will write [me] a line or two how affairs are in England, with respect of Peace or War, & that you will cause a List of the Shipps bound to India & China this year to be sent me & your pardoning this great trouble will lay an indeliable Obligation on

ANJANGO JULY 16TH/1729.

HONBLE SIR AND SIRS

Your most obedient
most humble. Servant

JOHN WALLIS.

No. 59.

TO THE HONBLE. JAMES MACRAE ESQR.
PRESIDT. & GOVR. OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.

Herewith We send Your Honr. &ca. Duplicate of our Letters of the 1st. & 2d. of last month since which We have been favour'd wth. yours of the 5th. acquainting us that the great Drought you have had these two Seasons has drove so many of the Weavers from your Parts, that You are not able to give more for your quota than Three thousand bales; for wch. reason we shall keep the Fordwhich and Duke of York in the Country, & We make no doubt to give three Ships & the Compton a full Loading in Good time & Dispatch two up to you half laden.

We have recd. the Copy of a letter from the Secret Comittee to yor. Presidency; There is not yet any other Ostend Ship arrived than that We formerly Advis'd of, We hear She is now careening, & have sent a Spy to Hughly in order to discover their intentions, and by our next Cossid wch. will go in a few days, We shall acquaint you wth. what We learn concerning them.

We are

FORT WILLIAM
THE 4TH. JULY 1729.

HONBLE. SR. & SRS.
Your very Hum: Servants

JNO. DEANE.
JNO. STACKHOUSE.
RD. BOURCHIER
HUGH BARKER.
JNO. SAINSBY. LLOYD.
CHA: HAMPTON.

[No. 60]

TO THE HONBLE. JAMES MACRAE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CRA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE. SR. &CRA.

Yesterday in the evening We Rec'd a Packet from Fort William, recommended to us by the President & Council there to be forwarded with all convenient speed to your Honr. &cra. and We take this oppertunity to advise of the Death of Mr. Joseph Goldfinch, who departed this Life the 3d: Inst: but having left no Will we have thought it proper that Mr. Davis take care of his Effects, and Mr. Simpson of the Honble. Companys Wares & Stores 'till we receive further Orders from Your Honr. &ca.

Although We cannot possibly make any provission of Ordinary Long Cloth to the Nor[d]. (for Reasons mention'd in our Letters of the 10th. of June) yet We are in hopes of some Bales of that sort from Quotapatam, and We shall take perticular care what We do get comes up to Muster.

We are with great Respect

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[RA].

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

VIZAGAPATAM
6TH. AUGUST 1729.

SANDS DAVIS.
CHA : SIMPSON.

POSTSCRIPT

We are not a little Concern'd that We should be Obliged to make this addition to the foregoing but by Peons just arriv'd from Quotapatam, We are advis'd that Subbana has again put that part of the Country in Trouble, so that all the Inhabitants at Quotapatam are fled, & left an empty Town which is a very great disapointment and hindrance to our Investment that Way, & when these disturbances will be at end is not in our power to imagine. all we are able to say is to Assure Your Hon[r]. &c[ra]: that We will do what We possibly can.

We are

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[RA].

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

6TH. AUGUST 1729.

SANDS DAVIS.
CHA : SIMPSON.

[N°. 61]

TO THE HON[BLE]. JAMES MACRAE ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOV[R]. &C[RA]. COUNCIL
OF FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HON[BLE]. S[R]. &C[RA].

The 20th. Ins[t]. We received Your Hon[r]. &c[ras]. Letter of the 22[d]. Ult[o]: and shall be sure to follow your Orders therein to the U[tmost] of our power, 'thô We are very sorry to say that We are in dayly Expectation of Troub[les] here from Subbanah, & Ram Rauze, who [are] now at Casimcoat, a place about 27 miles [to] the Sou[d]: of us, that was a Phouzdarship bel[ong[s].] to the Moors, but the Phouzedar (tho' he ha[s] laid in sufficient provission & got a pret[ty] good force there) left the Fort about four [hours] before Subbana came there ; 'tis talk'd [that] he design's for Chicacul (where our Nab[ob] is) but what he realy intends to do no bo[dy] knows, for he keeps every thing very pri[vate] & till he getts into his Pallaukeen does not tell any Body where he design's to go ; He [sent] 3 days ago a Vakeel to the Provis[l]. Chief [letting] him know he expected a Supply of mon[ey] for his expences, besides a Large Quantity [of] Powder, & Lead, at the same time advising he had not as yet mollested us, or any belonging to us ; but as We cou'd not [in any] measure Comply with his demand [We may] very likely meet with Trouble from [him. How]ever We have taken all immaginable [care to] put every thing in the best Posture of D[efence] We can, and on that Acco[t]: been Obliged [to take] in as many new Peons as we could get, wh[om] We shall keep no longer than absolute neces[sity] Obliges us ; Subbana has with him upwa[rds] of ten thousand Men, and the mischief he does [is] Generaly by surprizes in the Night, The

Cou[ntry] to the No[d]: as well as Sou[d]: is in fear of him [and] has put the Inhabitants in such disorder [that] they are continualy with their Familys removing from one place to another, We are in hopes he will make no Attempt on Us, but beleive your Hon[r]. &c[ra]. will approve of our making the best provission We can in case such a thing should happen: Our Nabob at Chicacul ('tis said) is raising Forces, and designs this way to oppose him, but He goes on very Slow, and We can't hear when he designs to move.

We herewith send Our Diarys, Consultations, Cash, & paymasters Acco[ts]. to the Ultimo June, & one pair of our Gen[l]. Books.

The Powder Indented for not coming, We desire your Hon[r]. &c[ra]. will send us by the first Conveyance that, & what other Stores we are in want of as mention'd in the Inclos'd List.

We are with great Respect

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[ra].

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Sands Davis.

Cha: Simpson.

Vizagapatam
August 27th. 1729.

62.

To the Hon[ble]. James Macrae Esq[r].
President & Gov[r]. &c[ra]. Council of
Fort S[t]. George.

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[ra].

The 29th. Ultimo we received Your Letter of the 6th., and observe your Hon[r]. &c[rs]. recommendations for the providing a Large quantity of Ordinary Long Cloth, & Sallampores, which [We] shall comply with to the Utmost of our Powe[r] but are very sorry, again, to advise you that Subbana has threatn'd us very much, and We now hourly expect him here; though Wee have strengthen'd all our Guards and every part of the Town as well as wee possibly coud, and gott every thing in readiness to receive him [in] case he shou'd Attack us; Inclos'd Wee send Yo[ur] Hon[r]. &c[ra]. Copys of 2 news Letters from our [spy] Braminys in his Camp, by which your Hon[r. &c[ra].] will see how necessary it is for us to prepare for what (by those Letters) wee may expect. Yesterday Wee took up a Strange Bramany [on] Suspicion, who this morning declared he wa[s] a Servant of Subbanas, & sent to see what Force wee had, what provission wee were making [and] what parts of our Town were weakest: but [we] shall secure him from giving any further Intelligence, and take all the care in our P[art] of the Hon[ble]. Comp[s]. Settlement & Effects. We begg Your Hon[r]. &c[ra]. will send us as soon as possible what Sto[res] we last wrote for, (Copy of which List is inclo[sed]) And are

Hon[ble]. S[r]. &c[ra].

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

Sands Davis.

Cha: Simpson.

Vizagapatam
[1st. Septem]ber [1729].

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To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presid^t^. & Govr. &c^a^. Council of
Fort S^t^. George.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

We have rec^d^. your favour of the 2^d^. instant, and shall observe the directions therein given. we now inclose you an Invoice & bill of Loading for Seventy Bales of Callicoes loaden on the Ramah Sloop for Acco^t^. of our Honble. Masters Amounting to Pag^s^: 4001 : 17 [. . .] from — Duplicate of w^t^. Sent ℘ Ramah.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

Fort S^t^. David
the 20th. Sepr. 1729.

Y^r^. most humble & Obed^t^. Servt.
[lacuna]

P.S.

Inclos'd comes our Storek^rs^ : Indent for Stores wanting here.

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Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.

The above is what we wrote you this morning by the Ramah Sloop. and we now Send you our Acco^t^ : Curr^t^ : w^th^ : the Presidency, to have it adjusted with your's, that we may proceed to close our books accordingly.

We also inclose our Acco^t^. of Cash for last month, & also, our Warehouse-keepers Indent for Sundrys wanting in the Warehouse here, & are most Respectfully

Fort S^t^. David
the 20th. Sepr. 1729.

Honble. S^r^. & S^rs^.
Your most Obed^t^. Servants
G. M. Pitt.
Edw : Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Rich^d^. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.
Edwd. Harris.

No. 65.

Honnorable, Monsieur & Messieurs.

Hier au soir, nous recumes une Lettre de mons^r^. le Directeur Jacob Sadalyn & du Conceil d'hougly à Bengal en dàtte du 30me. Juillet, accompagnant les ordres del Messieurs les Directeurs des honnorables Compagnies Angloise, & der provinces Unies des pays bas des Indes orientales ; Expediés à tous leurs Ministres de part & d'autre dans Ces quartiers, & parveuus à Bengal le 29me. du d^t^. moit par un der vaiss^x^. de Vôtre Compagnie, tendant à la destruction & ruine de la navigation des Ostendois & autres illegitimes Aventuriers dans ces Contrées, je trouvant ; on navigant dans les Limites des Octroys des d^tes^. mentionés honnorables Compagnies ; & affin d'Effectuer cela 'd autant mieux, il Est deplus ordouné aux Surd^ts^. Ministres, de S'aider & assister receproquement & incontinent en tout ce qui sera possible : & quoy que nous ne doutous pas, ou vous en aurés eu deja Connoissance, nous nous trouvons pourtant obligès en obeissant à ces tres respecteux commandements, de vous en donner avis, en cas que contre nôtre sentiment vous n'en soyés point encore avertis ; vous promêtant sincerement, que de nôtre côté, en Cas de besoin & y ètants priés, & pour l'amour de l' interét mutuel des deux Compagnies, que nous y contribuerons promptement de tout ce qui esten

nôtre pouvoir ; comme aussy nous esperous pariellement de vôtre Côtê saus fair le moindre doute, in cas de necessité ly etants pries amiablement.

Il faut que nous vous disiod's deplus, que j'usqua cjour, nous n'avous point recieu dereponse de Ceylon à vos Lettres cy-devant envoyées, apparemment a cause de l' Etat embroui llé des affaires, dans lequel Monsr le nouveau gouverneur Stephanus Versluys a trouvè ulte Isle, a son arrivêe, & de l'abondance d'occupations d'importance que cela luy a causé.

66.

TO THE HOÑBLE JAMES MACRAE ESQ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R. &C^A. COUNCIL
AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HONBLE S^R. & SIRS

Enclosed is coppy of our last under the 3 [1st.] Jan^ry. ℘ Pattamarr Via Surat, wherein we [have] Answer'd your Hon^rs. &c^a. several favours of the [16] March 2^d. Septemb^r. & [*lacuna*] October.

The George Brigantine being thoroughly repaired & such additions made to her as were Judged necessary by the Commander, we now return her to your Honour &c^a. with an Account of the Expences our Honble Masters have been put to on that occasion Amounting to Rupees Two Thousand Six hundred forty six two quarters & twenty six raes for which we shall debt your Presidency, as we shall also for Rupees Eighteen hundred and Fifty advanced Capt. Pye at his request for Victualling the detachment he has on board, as ℘ his receipt Enclo[sed].

Herewith we send your Hon . &c^a. Mahmud Sal[. . .] Beeg the late Govern^r. of Gombroon's Letter to the Armenian Merchants of Madrass concerning the Landing Their Freight goods at Gombroon agr[eeable] to the Obligations their principals at Spahaun are under to the persian Ministry, We are

HONBLE S^R. & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants

[BOMBAY CASTLE]
THE 5TH. APRIL 1729.

THO^S RAMMELL.
[ROBERT COWAN].
JN^O. COURTNEY.
HENRY KELLETT.
[. . .]

67.

TO THE HOÑBLE JAMES MACRAE ESQ^R.
PRESID^T. & GOV^R. &C^A. COUNCIL AT FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last was dated the 5th. of Aprill by the George, of whose arrivall not having yet received any Advice, we here Transmitt your Honour &c^a. Copy of our said Letter, and of the Accounts that were then sent relating to the Repairs given that Vessell.

Your Honour &c^as. Favour of the 2^d. of May came to hand the 25th. of June. We shall debt your Presidency for Pagodas one Thousand two hundred fifty eight, and twenty eight Fanams, being the Amount of M^r. Actons Bond to M^r. Sarson by the latter Assigned over to the Company, and when M^r. Dickinson arrives, if he has recovered any thing on M^r. Actons Account we will Secure it untill we hear further from your Hoñour &c^a.

Our Honble Masters Ship Prince Frederick arrived here fully Loaden from Mocho the 22d. of May, and Sailed the 27th. of July for Great Brittain. A Moors Ship Imported the 25th. Ultimo from the same place, who brings advice that the Morrice was safe arrived there from England, and that Coffee was at one hundred and five Spanish Dollars ℔ Beetlefuckee Bahar.

Our troublesome neighbour Angria is lately dead, We don't yet know who will be his Successor but expect there will be great Contendings amongst the neighbouring Powers for his Possessions as soon as the Rains are over. 'Tis to be hoped we shan't in hast meet with so resolute and active an Enemy at Sea as he was.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble servants

Robt. Cowan.

Jno. Courtney.

Geo: Percivall.

Thos. Rammell.

[*Illegible*].

Henry Kellett.

Arnold [*Illegible*].

Bombay Castle
The 8th. August 1729.

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To the Honble. James Macrae Esqr.
Presidt. & Governr. of Fort St. George
&ca. Council.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your honr. &cas. favour of the 22 July came to hand the 14 ultimo. Notwithstanding the augmentation You have been pleased to allow of one Pagoda in a corge of the ordinary Longcloth I have made very little progress as yet, but hope my next will give a better account. I shall give all imaginable encouragement for procureing as much ordinary cloth as I well can.

I shall follow your honr. &cas. comman[ds] and provide The Five hundred Peices fine Sallamprs. as well as the Thousand Peices fine Longcloth.

The Provisional Chief of Vizagapatam in a private Letter informs me That upon his Refuseing to answer some Demands Subbana has made, he Threatens to do our Honble. Masters all the prejudice he can, at Vizagapatam, Opwarra, & Ingeram, for fear he should be as good as his word as to this place, I have [. . .] a full complement of Lascars from Vizagapatam, there being none here and shall get the Vessell in a Readiness to ley in the middle of the River whare I shall take care of sending the Honble. Companys Effects on Board upon the Armies comming near this way.

I am with due Respect

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your Most Faithfull & Most Obedt.
humble. Servt.

John Sanderson.

Cloth at the Washers

Longcloth Fine 619 Peices
Longcloth Ordy. 230 Ditto.

Ingeram
Septembr. the 10th. 1729.

69.

To the Honourable James Macrae Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort St. George
& Councill.

Honourable Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &ct. favour of the 2 September, came to hand the 2 [. . .] upon stopeing my hand for a time with the Fine cloth [and] giveing such incouragement as I have been obliged to d[o to] the Ordinary; it begins to come in a little faster; T[. . .] take leave to informe You no time shall be lost [. . .]ble Incouragement wanting of having as much of th[at] sort as possible. The Dutch are upon withdrawing from their Factorys at Policull and Ducherom, either [by] the begening of the year or before, but at the latter th[ey] are going on in their Investment with all emaginable Speed, to make up for the Loss time they have met with as well as my self.

Thare being no Traveling from Vizagapatam with a Charge of money by Land And [no] hopes of a better Sea Conveyance The 22 September I sent a good strong Long Boat well fitted for the sea half a Dozen Lascars on her to fetch as much of the Five Thousand Pagodas I had formerly wrote to the Gentlemen for, As they thought fit to Trust, under care of the[ir] Peons, which I suppose will be complyed with otherwise shall be drove under a necessity of standing still [in a] short time, the Ballance of The cash being very small.

Inclosed, take Leave of sending my accot. for August & September And at the foot hereof accot. Cloth at the Washers.

I am with the utmost Duty & Respect

Ingeram
[Oc]tober the 1st. 1729.

Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your Most Faithfull
Most Obedt. humble. Servt.
John Sanderson.

[A]ccount Cloth at The Washers

Longcloth Fine	...	619 Peices
Longcloth Ordinary	...	438 Ditto.

70.

To the honble. James Marcae Esqr.
President & Govr. &cr. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.

We are to acknowledge the Receipt of your letter of the 3d. instant with the Ramah's Invoice, & bills of loading, since which she is arriv'd & the Wares & Stores, you were pleas'd to Send us upon her, have been recd. in good condition.

We inclose our Cash Accot. for last month, & are with much Respect.

Fort St. David
the 18th. Octr. 1729.

Honble. Sr. & Srs.
Your most faithfull & Obedient
Servants
G. M. Pitt.
Edw : Croke.
R. Berriman.
R. Brooke.
Richd. Gilman.
Jno. Graham.
Edwd. Harris.

Inclos'd is an accot. by the best advices we can get of the Cargoe of the Royal Philip wch. sail'd the 28th. of Septr. for France.

71.

To the Honble James Macrae Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Councill at
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir and Sirs

Our Honble Masters ship Morrice f[rom] Mocho, but last from Bombay, Imported here the 23^d. Instant whose Supracargos left with us the Accompanying Packet f[or] the Honble the Court of Directors, which they desired might be sent you by Pattamar Express, in Order to be Forwarded [by] your Hon^r. &c^a. to Great Brittain; We learn by her that the Windham Capt. Robert Lyell Arrived at Bombay the 28[th.] ultimo; We are very respectfully

Tellicherry
September the 25th. 1729.

Honble Sir and Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Serv[^ts].

Jno. Braddyll.
W^m. Forbes.
Hugh Howard.
W^m. Jeynson.

[*Letters* 72 *to* 83 *are missing*].

N°. 84.

[To t]he Honble James Macrae Esqr.
President & Govr. &c^a. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We was favourd with your Hon^r. &c^as. under the 2^d. September the 13th. past with copy of M^r. John Wallis's Letter to your Hon^r. &c^a. and very gratefully acknowledge the Information given us, and we Dare affirm that M^r. Wallis had no authority or Private orders for what he wrote, for it is to be thought if he had, he would have produced them here he having been Contending for a superiority of Power so Contrary to all rules of Establishment that we were obliged to suspend him, for our own Security, and the safety of this settlem^t. which he Endeavourd by very indirect method, to Embroil, and nothing less Could Convince him that we had any Power over him, which we represented to the Honble Govr. and Council of Bombay, who Condemns his Proceedings, approved of his Suspention, and Call'd him from hence under that Censure.

His Packett to the Right Hon[ble] East India Company, he pretends is to give them a Genuine Account of this Settlement which he is wholy Ignorant of, and if they relye upon his Informations, will find h[im] or us very Eronius, for he Consults not tr[uth] but what he vainly thinks may pro[ve] most to his Interest.

By the Wyndham who Saild hence f[or] Bombay the 6th. Instant, we forwarded Copys of your Hon^r. &c^as. and M^r. John Wallis's Lett[er] sent us, and as he Can't Produce any orders for what he wrote, we leave it to your Hon^r. [&c^a.] to return the Packet to us, or forward it to the Honble President and Council of Bombay as shall be best approved of by y^r. Hon^r. &c^a. we designing it for their Inspection.

The Carolina, Hartford, and Success, from Bengall ha[ve] touched here and Saild for Bomb[ay] and Mocha a few Days ago.

We are

Anjengo
November, 24th. 1729.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Hez^ah. Kin[g].
Chas. White[hill].
J. Salisbury.
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